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1. According to a directive of the State Administration of Material Procurement, DMZ Kraftstoff und Mineraloel Central Offices are to be dissolved by 31 December 1953. The administrative tasks performed in the past by these offices are to be taken over by branch offices or by sales offices (Absatzkontore) of the State Administration for Material Procurement.
2. In order to make sure that the DMZ branch offices are in ideologically sound hands, all employees of former mineral oil companies (Shell, EV Aral, etc.) are to be dismissed by 15 May 1953, regardless of their past performance, and are to be replaced by SED functionaries. The SSD has been given the task of conducting economic inspections (Wirtschaftskontrolle) in the trade centrals. One Binder (fnu) has been appointed to carry out this task at DMZ K.u.M. As cover for his actual job, he was made manager of the Mummelsburg Liquid Fuel Storage Depot.
3. One Pintsch (fnu) of the mineral oil section of the State Administration for Material Procurement has been given the final say on the disposition of the state reserves of liquid fuels.
4. Benzinwerk Boehlen.

Diesel oil production. Total Diesel oil production, except for those amounts needed by the Soviet Army, will be sent beginning 1 May 1953 to Rositz, Goelzau, Lebau and Koepsen for mixing with the heavy oil produced by these plants. Starting 1 June, Schwarzheide will also turn over the mixing functions which it formerly had to VLB plants. Schwarzheide will thus be able to devote itself fully to important projects which have been planned for it.

- b. New production. All aviation gasoline production is to be transferred to Schwarzheide. In order to overcome financial shortages, Boehlen will act in part as a contributory plant for Schwarzheide until such time as Schwarzheide is able to operate independently. In a part of the Boehlen installation presently used for the production of aviation gasoline an additional product for the production of Mittelbenzin will be manufactured.

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c. Doehlen is currently suffering from a critical shortage of material for containers and pressure pipelines (Druckleitungen).

5. Synthesewerk Schwarzheide.

a. Schwarzheide is receiving some special cracking installations from Doehlen.

b. Work on the expansion of the railway shunting station at Schwarzheide is progressing with great difficulty because the Reichsbahn Director at Cottbus is unable to procure the necessary rail material.

6. Mineraloelwerk Lutzkendorf.

Lutzkendorf has received a new production requirement: the production of a special tractor fuel.^{1/} Beginning 1 June 1953, 1,500 metric tons per month are to be delivered. It is planned to increase production on 1 September 1953. All deliveries are to be made in response to orders from the Ministry of Interior.

7. Liquid fuel production in East Germany is falling further and further behind schedule as a result of the failure of pressure furnaces (Drucköfen) in such plants as Doehlen and because of the increased demands of the KVP.

8. At the direction of the State Administration for Material Procurement, DMZ K.u.M. is going to have to close down 25 percent of the filling stations under its direction which are now in operation. Free gasoline (HO gasoline) will no longer be sold after 1 July 1953. The current low registration of vehicles in East Germany is going to put out of operation all cars which are being used for private purposes only.

1/ Comment. This is actually the cover designation for tank fuel.

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